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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - GENERAL ELECTION IN JAPAN

11. LEAD STORIES: Most Tuesday morning papers gave top or front-page play to the DPJ's preparations for forming a ruling coalition with the Social Democratic Party and People's New Party.

12. "Foundation of Foreign Policy Should Be U.S.-Japan Relations" The moderate Yomiuri editorialized (9/1): "It is important to let world leaders know that there will be no change in the foundation of Japan's relations with foreign countries even after a change of government. Building a relationship of trust [with those leaders] is also vital. DPJ President Hatoyama should confirm that the U.S.-Japan alliance will be maintained when he holds his first summit meeting with President Obama in the U.S. Regarding the relocation of the functions of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma within Okinawa, which has been agreed upon between the U.S. and Japan, the DPJ is insisting that the airfield functions be relocated outside the prefecture or outside Japan. However, reviewing the agreed relocation plan is tantamount to breaching the U.S.-Japan agreement and it will inevitably damage the alliance.... Although the DPJ insists on an 'equal U.S.-Japan relationship,' the party is simply clinging to an abstract idea that lacks specific policies. The party should avoid words and actions that could weaken the alliance."

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